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Tahsildar, Kurumbranad, has formed a committee of seven local ryots for the above purpose. But, the Government have since ordered that the entire responsibility of future regulation and maintenance of the dam will rest with the Public Works Department in the interests of the efficient working of the dam, as the committee may not be equal to the task.

* 3163 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of the Government to construct a dam across the Chandragiri river at Moonam Kadavu in Kasargod taluk, South Kanara district;

(*b*) if so, the present stage of the proposal; and

(*c*) when the scheme is likely to be started?

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (*a*) No. The scheme was previously considered by the Government and ordered to be removed from the Grow More Food Programme for 1949–50, as it was found to be uneconomical from the food production point of view.

(*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise.

Scheduled Tribes in Attapady

* 3164 *Q.*—Sri K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to ameliorate the conditions of Scheduled Tribes of Attapady?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN : Yes, Sir. A note [a] indicating the position is placed on the table of the House.

Sri K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : The main problem of the Irulars of Attapady is the problem of land. From the paper laid on the table, it looks as if the Government do not seem to have taken note of it. Will the Government see that sufficient lands are provided for cultivation by Irulars who are now being evicted by persons who take thousands of acres on lease from the landlords?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN : A preliminary survey has to be made. Revenue staff has been sanctioned and they will look into the matter.

Sri K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : The Government sanctioned the employment of a preliminary survey staff and special revenue staff in June 1955. May I know whether the staff has actually been appointed and whether the Government have got any progress report on the work done so far?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN : The special staff has already been appointed. We expect a report from them.

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[a] Printed as Appendix on pages 185–186 infra.